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**HILLSIDE BATTLE** Arcata Fire firefighters combat the Bayview Street structure fire.

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**ARCATA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

ARCATA — At about 10:53 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Arcata Fire District was dispatched to an explosion heard and possible fire in a garage at the 900 block of Bayview Street in Arcata.

The first arriving engine reported heavy smoke and fire from the garage basement area, declar-

ing that access needed to be made down a long driveway. Hose lines were deployed off of the initial engine, with minimal effect.

The fire was large, deep-seated, and difficult to access, and based on conditions, the Incident Commander requested additional resources as mutual aid.

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## Fickle Hill crossing completes Ridge Trail

Kevin L. Hoover

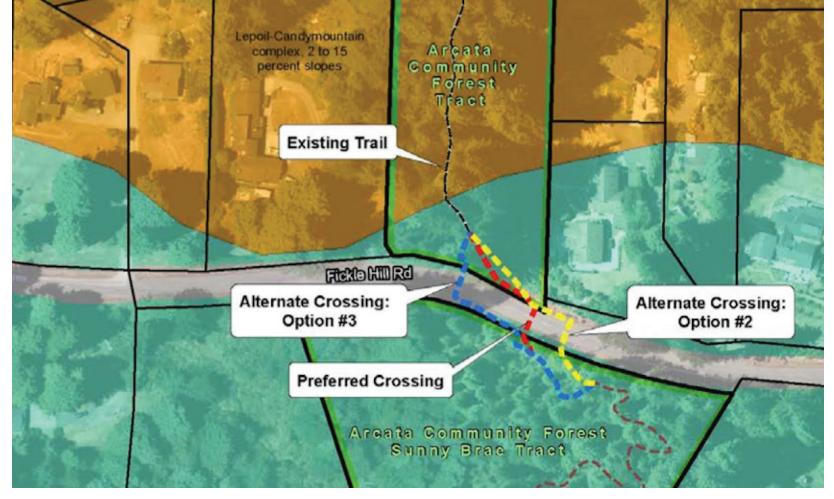
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ARCATA — It is one. The Arcata Ridge Trail, that is. Or will be, once its two segments are at last connected across Fickle Hill Road.

The City Council last week unanimously approved the long-awaited linkage between the two lobes of the Arcata Community Forest — the “old” forest north of Fickle Hill Road and the Sunny Brae Tract.

In the works for decades, four-mile the Ridge Trail will offer a route from Sunny Brae's Margaret Lane all the way to West End Road in north Arcata. Missing has been a legal way to get from one of the two major trail segments to the other.

By approving the Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact, the council approved a new, 1,600-foot trail which includes the road crossing. It does not include a trailhead, or any provisions for parking at the site



**MISSING LINK** The City Council approved the recommended middle crossing over Fickle Hill Road, which will unite the two segments of the Arcata Ridge Trail.

CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE

to use it as a starting point.

The trail will formalize and improve existing skid trails via accepted standards to complete the link.

Of several possible routes, the one approved was recommended by an independent Initial Study commissioned by the city as best satisfying requirements for safe-

ty at the road crossing, zero impact on area water systems and lowest cost of construction.

The independent study was commissioned after a lawsuit was filed by area residents over potential impacts to their water supply.

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## Local inventor chimes in with magical gizmo

Kevin L. Hoover

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ARCATA — Local inventor, history buff, cartoonist, raconteur and wheeze artist Terry Finigan is hard at work in his Arcata production laboratory these days, creating copies of his new gizmo and selling them as fast as he can get them out the door.

Like many brilliant inventions, Finigan's new “Night Dancer” contraption is composed of familiar things — photovoltaic cells, LED lights and wind chimes — put together in a whole new way.

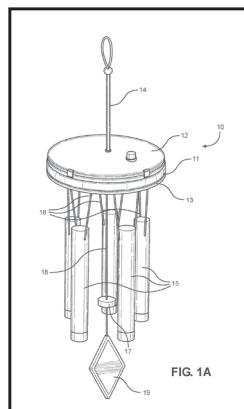
So new that Finigan gained

a patent for it in 2018. His brainchild, granted patent no. US10062365B2, is a “variable mode electronic wind chime with changeable color lights,” according to the patent document.

While Amazon already carries LED-augmented chimes, “currently available wind chimes that include lighting features only focus on lighting connected to a circuit that becomes completed as a clapper connects with a chime,” states the patent description.

But Finigan's chimes render old school electro-chimes rinky-

FINIGAN ♦ PAGE 5



**FIG. 1A** A technical drawing in the patent document. U.S. PATENT OFFICE

## Health officer: Yearly COVID shots ‘likely’

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — As coronavirus diversifies into more robust strains, Humboldt County's health officer has said that vaccination will likely become a yearly necessity.

That prediction comes as a new variant unique to Humboldt County has emerged from a recent outbreak at the Granada Rehabilitation & Wellness Center in Eureka.

The outbreak infected dozens of residents and staff at the long term care center, killing 13 patients.

The new strain that emerged was described in a February 18 county press release as a “never before seen COVID-19 variant with increased transmissibility.”

According to the press release, evidence suggests the Humboldt variant was contained within the Granada

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## State moves to protect Mad River

Daniel Mintz

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BLUE LAKE — A state agency is reinvigorating efforts to prevent dioxins at a former lumber mill site from reaching the Mad River and the drinking water supply of 88,000 county residents.

Announced last week by the Humboldt Baykeeper water quality advocacy group, a new round of groundwater and surface water sampling at the former Blue Lake Forest Products mill site between Arcata and Blue Lake will be done by SHN Consulting Engineers and Geologists.

The firm has been contracted by the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), which has been testing and taking actions at the site for nearly 30 years.

Of concern is potential migrating dioxins from pentachlorophenol (PCP), a wood preservative that was used at the mill site prior to Blue Lake Forest Products' ownership.

The old mill site is about

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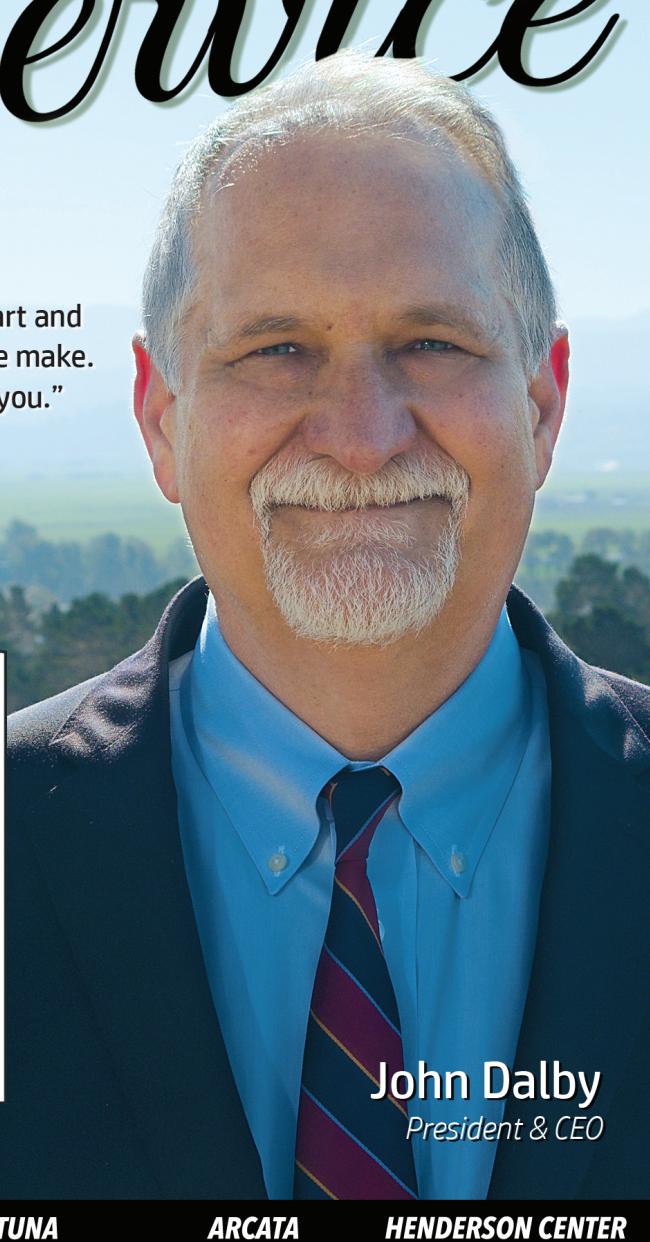
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## Mad River Brewery launches Undammed seltzer

MAD RIVER BREWING COMPANY

BLUE LAKE — The Mad River Brewing Company has announced the launch of Undammed, a bold new line of seltzers made from the best ingredients on the planet. The small batch-brewed seltzers are an intensely palate-pleasing rebuttal to the mass-produced version of this bubbling beverage.

"The Undammed seltzer is like nothing else on the market," said Linda Cooley, MRB's chief executive officer. "These authentically extraordinary seltzers are brewed with the same, extremely elevated level of care that goes into all of



our award-winning ales. For the better part of the year, we played with the recipe, conducted numerous taste tests in the MRB Tap Room and altered just about every other aspect of the brewing process. When we arrived at the perfect preparation, I immediately knew we produced a very special product. This seltzer is going to disrupt the industry in the same man-

ner as micro-brewed ales in the 1990s."

MRB CEO Cooley, a Yurok Tribe member, selected the name Undammed to raise awareness about the campaign to remove four dams and restore the Klamath River, the lifeline of the Yurok community. The dams on the Klamath are responsible for bringing once abundant salmon runs to the brink of collapse, which has had an especially devastating impact on the Yurok people, whose traditions and culture are inextricably linked to the river.

Generations of tribal citizens have suffered immensely in the face of failing fish stocks, unprecedented toxic algal blooms as well as juvenile and adult salmon die-offs, including the historic 2002 fish kill, which primarily took place on the Yurok Reservation.

However, after decades of advocacy, legal battles, protests and civil disobedience, the Yurok Tribe and its allies have established a framework to remove the fish-killing dams.

With support of the governors of California and Oregon, the Karuk Tribe as well as dam owner PacifiCorp, the river is slated to be set free in 2023, when the largest fish restoration project in U.S. history is expected to begin.

When the dams are removed, salmon will again have access to hundreds of miles of historic spawning habitat, enhanced water quality and better overall environmental conditions. Based on the rapid, positive results witnessed shortly after dam decommission-

ing projects in other parts of the Pacific Northwest, salmon stocks are projected to swiftly recover.

Dam removal will also substantially increase the quantity of other important fish species, such as steelhead, sturgeon and Pacific lamprey. In addition to improving fish runs, re-wilding the river will also benefit a wide variety of native wildlife species, ranging from beavers to black bears and even marine mammals.

The demolition of the dams offers several additional advantages for human populations too. It will eliminate the toxic algal blooms that make it unsafe to swim in the river. It will strengthen the fishing dependent economies in port towns from Fort Bragg to Coos Bay, where salmon harvests have been severely limited due to low fish quantities on the Klamath.

The Yurok Tribe has also cancelled its commercial fishery in four of the last five years to protect struggling fish stocks.

While dam removal is, by a massive margin, the single most effective action that can be taken to improve fish populations, additional work is needed to repair critical habitat harmed by historic logging and mining practices. A portion of each Undammed purchase will be invested in this monumental effort to repair the river and revive salmon stocks.

The Yurok Tribe acquired the Mad River Brewing Company in 2019 and immediately plotted a course to bring its highly regarded products into new markets.

## Trinidad Rancheria lauds sovereignty ruling

TRINIDAD RANCHERIA

TRINIDAD — Chairman Garth Sundberg of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria stated that "the Tribe is very pleased by the emphatic ruling issued yesterday by the California Court of Appeal affirming tribal sovereignty and the trial court's dismissal of a suit seeking to establish a public easement on property owned by the Tribe (*Jason Self, et al. v. Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria*).

The court's decision adheres to longstanding U.S. Supreme Court precedent on tribal sovereign immunity and protects the ability of federally recognized tribes to exercise their rights to acquire lands pursuant to federal law.

The court found that Congress has not created a major exception to tribal immunity for a lawsuit seeking to establish a public easement, and that longstanding precedent required the court to defer to Congress "to decide whether to impose such a limit, particularly given the importance of land acquisition to federal tribal policy."

*The majority opinion demonstrates a clear understanding of the background of tribal sovereign immunity, including the federal policies initiated in the late 19th century that resulted in the massive loss of tribal lands, and the subsequent efforts by Congress, in the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, to support tribal self-determination and self-governance by authorizing the federal government to acquire land in trust for the benefit of*

*tribes, both within and outside existing reservations.*

"By authorizing the federal government to acquire land outside of existing reservations in trust for the benefit of a tribe, the federal scheme implicitly recognizes that tribes may acquire land for sovereign purposes beyond the border of a reservation." The decision further states that "tribal land acquisition generally advances Congress's goals of tribal self-sufficiency and economic development."

Citing the U.S. Supreme Court's 2014 decision in *Michigan v. Bay Mills Indian Community*, the majority opinion recognizes that "[t]ribal immunity is part and parcel of Indian sovereignty and self-governance" and that "[b]ecause it is a matter of federal law, tribal immunity is 'not subject to diminution by the States.'

Significantly, the court noted that "[t]he United States Supreme Court has 'time and again... dismissed any suit against a tribe absent congressional authorization (or a waiver) ... [and] has deferred to Congress to determine the nature and limits of tribal immunity because it is Congress's job, not the courts', to weigh competing policies and create exceptions to tribal immunity."

The Tribe acquired its Trinidad Harbor property, at issue in this case, to restore a significant part of the Tribe's ancestral homeland and revitalize a fundamental aspect of our culture. The Tribe, long ago granted a the City of Trinidad an easement protecting the public's access to the Trinidad Harbor Pier, and Chairman Sundberg "invites the public to enjoy the state of the art pier and public accommodations the Tribe constructed to replace the prior deteriorated facilities."

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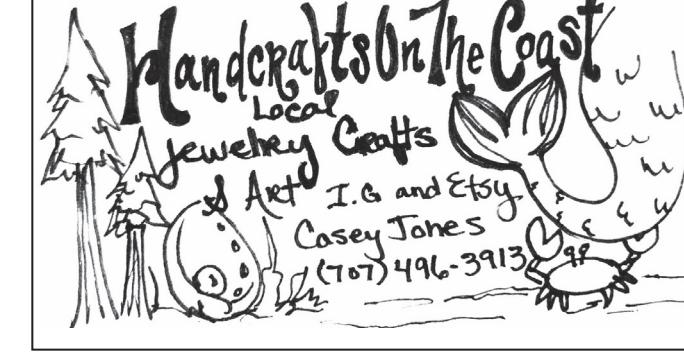
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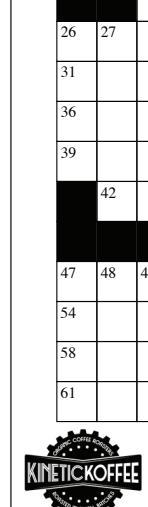
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**PLAYGROUNDED** Green Diamond Resource Company and Fox Farm Soil & Fertilizer team up to donate woodchips to Peninsula Union School District. Green Diamond provided the wood chips and Fox Farm provided the transportation to deliver wood chips for the playground area at Peninsula Elementary School in Samoa. Wood chips will be spread across the playground area in preparation for school reopening. Above, Whitefeather Trotta from Peninsula Union School District, Gary Rynearson from Green Diamond, and Selby Gomes from Fox Farm.

PHOTO VIA GREEN DIAMOND RESOURCE CO.

## Funds raised for injured logger

### MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — The cousin of a logger who was injured when a tree fell on him has launched an online fundraiser to help the man and his family.

According to a GoFund-Me page set up by Sarah Wennerholm, her cousin Thomas Hodgin was airlifted from his worksite in the Freshwater area on the morning of Feb. 11 after a tree fell on him and shattered his right femur.

A CalFire helicopter brought Hodgin to a local hospital, where he underwent multiple surgeries before his leg was amputated.

"He was the main source of income for his family and they are going to need all the help they can get while they adjust to this new phase of life," Wennerholm wrote on the GoFundMe page.

As of Feb. 17, Wennerholm had raised \$5,740 of her goal of \$20,000.



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## Ridge Trail | Route minimizes impacts

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The route – also approved by the Planning Commission last month – wasn't the original one. It was adopted following meetings with area residents, who expressed concerns about water supply impacts, safety, privacy and unauthorized entry.

Since the crossing lies outside city limits, the city will obtain an Encroachment Permit from the county for the project.

The Fickle Hill Road crossing itself will cost an estimated \$55,000, though further expenses for trail improvement will increase that total. It isn't estimated to exceed \$100,000. The project had been included in the city's 2020/2021 budget, but was cut as part of COVID-related reductions. Staff intends to bring a new financing package back to the council for approval. It is expected to include monies from the Forest Fund,

grants and donations.

Community Development Director David Loya acknowledged that cars drive "way too fast" coming down Fickle Hill Road, but said that during site visits with area residents, motorists slowed on sighting people on the roadside. He said that with the addition of planned signage, flashing beacons and other measures, "I think the majority of people are going to respect that."

Though not considered environmental impacts, additional neighborhood impact mitigation measures may include enclosure fencing for domestic water inlets, more signage pointing to approved trails and discouraging use as a trail-head, privacy screening for area residents composed of additional foliage, and wildlife-friendly fencing along the trail's western boundary.

Litigant Uri Driscoll said the matter has yet to be resolved in court, and urged adoption of a different route. Third District Supervisor Mike Wilson said the project will be independently reviewed by county staff, thanked the city and neighbors for a project that "connects communities together."

## Bayview | Occupants escape, house lost

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cata Fire, with the assistance of five neighboring fire agencies, 34 firefighters and 13 apparatus, fire knockdown was achieved after approximately an hour and a half.

Damage to the home is a total loss and estimated at \$234,000 to the structure and \$158,000 to its contents. The fire has been deemed unintentional. The home was occupied at the time and both occupants were able to exit the structure, although one occupant sustained minor burn injuries and smoke inhalation.

Due to the severity of the incident, Fire Chief Justin McDonald provided the family with immediate monetary aid via the California Fire Foundation's SAVE Program.

"The SAVE Program can supply \$250 gift cards to assist the families displaced by fires or natural disasters. This will assist the family with obtaining the much-needed and immediate essentials following such a tragedy," McDonald reported.

Arcata Fire District would like to thank our partner agencies, Blue Lake Fire, Fieldbrook Fire, Humboldt Bay Fire, Samoa Fire, and Westhaven Fire for their assistance, as well as Arcata Police and University Police, PG&E, and Arcata Mad River Ambulance for additional support at the fire scene. Arcata Fire would also like to remind the public that when a fire occurs in a residence, get out, stay out and call 9-1-1.

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**DUNESWEEPERS** The Arcata High Interact Club joined the Rotary Club of Arcata Noon in a cleanup at the Ma-le'l Dunes on a gorgeous Saturday morning, Feb. 20. MATT FILAR | UNION

## Mad River | Dioxin plume on the move

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a mile upstream from Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District intake wells and the contamination has been a lingering issue. The district has opposed the area's industrial zoning and subsequent cannabis manufacturing permits.

Jen Kalt, Humboldt Baykeeper's executive director, said the new round of testing will include a tributary of Hall Creek, which flows into the Mad River.

Kalt described the DTSC's new sampling, particularly of the tributary, as "really huge." She said the surface and groundwater testing at the site will be used as a basis for further clean-up of the site.

"We expect there will be a public process later on down the road, once they develop the next clean-up plans," she continued.

The site's contamination occurred when the McNamara and Peepe Lumber Mill operated there. By the time the mill changed ownership in 1986 and became Blue Lake Forest Products, use of PCP had been banned.

But contamination remained and in the mid-1990s, the state ordered remedial ac-

tions, including capping at the mill's main operations site.

As of 2003, the former mill's lumber storage and main operation sites were deemed to be free of contaminants. But in late 2018, the DTSC declared that contaminants in the soil beneath the capped area had seeped into groundwater, whose levels had risen.

"The fact that the groundwater elevation has risen 15 feet since 2003 is really concerning, because that could be pushing the plume of dioxin contamination toward the Mad River," said Kalt.

Results of the sampling are expected this spring. Timing of a clean-up remediation plan is uncertain but Kalt said Humboldt Baykeeper will press for action.

"It's been a fairly long time that this site has been threatening the drinking water supply in the Mad River and there's just no excuse for any additional delays," she continued.

She added, "There are a lot of contaminated sites around the state but this one is the highest priority in Humboldt County at this point, because of the drinking water."

## COVID | Viral spread proving cyclical

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outbreak and "there is no indication it has spread to the broader community."

But that's not the only variant that's been detected in the county. Late last month, the county announced a single-sample detection of a variant known as L452R, which is believed to have originated in Denmark but has also been found in other countries, states and California counties.

Named for a spike protein mutation that may impart vaccine resistance, L452R is linked to several large outbreaks in the San Jose area and scientists have described it as a quickly growing strain that also appears to be more transmissible.

In a February 18 media availability video, county Public Health Officer Dr. Ian Hoffman said that in the latest sampling round, 13 more L452R infections were detected.

"Which is not a surprising number considering that statewide, this is now becoming the dominant variant that they're finding in genetic sequencing," he continued.

On the strain linked to the Granada outbreak, Hoffman said it has a spike protein mutation known as N501Y, which also appears in global Variants of Concern. That term refers to variants that are being monitored due to gaining advantages that facilitate spread.

But Hoffman said that "in and of itself, that single mutation is not considered a variant of concern."

He said that 22 percent of the county's positive COVID-19 samples have been submitted for genomic sequencing, which is being done by the CZ Biohub non-profit genomic sequencing consortium.

Hoffman reiterated that the newly-detected variant hasn't radiated into the greater community. "Through our investiga-



**PFIKERED GEEZER** An elderly Arcata man got his first shot at Eureka's St. Joseph Hospital last Thursday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

man said in a Feb. 17 video. "The case counts are down, the test positivity rates are down and we met the equity metric, which is one of the key things for us to probably get out of the purple tier and into the red tier."

The red tier still connotes "substantial risk" but the lowered threat level lessens some restrictions on business and social activity, and allows school re-openings.

Viral spread has been cyclical, however, and Hoffman recently warned that another surge – potentially "even bigger" than the one that's subsiding – is likely due to circulation of variants.

Hoffman said his department and the county's Public Health Lab will work hard to detect and trace viral spread but personal behavior is a crucial aspect of reducing it.

"If we're following the guidance, if we're masking and distancing, we have less virus transmission in our community," he continued. "If we're not traveling, bringing in new viruses from the outside, those are all things that will determine whether or not a variant of concern comes into our county and spreads easily."

"Things are looking better overall for the county," Hoff-

## Fruit trees to help feed the community

COOPERATION HUMBOLDT

EUREKA — Local non-profit Cooperation Humboldt is kicking off the 2021 growing season by offering to plant free community fruit trees in publicly accessible locations throughout Humboldt County. This is the third year that Cooperation Humboldt has provided this opportunity to local residents and organizations.

The trees will be made available for planting in publicly accessible locations including private front yards as well as community locations like churches and schools, with the specific intent of making food available to anyone who wants it.

Everyone who receives a tree must agree to share its fruits with their neighbors once the trees begin to produce, and signage will be added to that effect.

"We believe that nutritious food is a fundamental human right, and our food projects aim to put that belief into practice in very tangible ways," said Tamara McFarland, who coordinates Cooperation Humboldt's food justice



program. "Our vision is to return this region to the regenerative ecological haven that it once was, so that every resident is surrounded by plentiful locally grown food. We're re-creating a regional food forest, one yard at a time."

This year's undertaking builds on the success of the organization's first two rounds of fruit tree planting, which have resulted in 80 trees planted to date. Cooperation Humboldt's food team also provides Little Free Pantries to facilitate neighborhood sharing, installs free mini gardens for low-income residents, and offers a variety of educational opportunities relating to food production.

For more information, please visit [cooperationhumboldt.org](http://cooperationhumboldt.org).

## Chimes | Powerful magic

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dink and obsolescent at best, and promise to open up a new, American-made era in sustainably powered wind chime technology. A key, yet-to-be-implemented feature involves the ability to choose between light or sound by actually muting the chimes (or lights) at will.

Even in their initial iteration, the smart chimes are winning fans all over the country. While the patent description is sciencey and technoid by necessity, it doesn't convey their powerful nocturnal magic.

At night, with a gentle breeze, Finigan's chimes come alive with gentle, calming tones accompanied by splashes of colored light that slowly fade.

Each pipe's silvery surface shimmers with its own color, and glints with reflected light from the other pipes as well, creating an ever-changing display. Any rain or dewdrops bejewel the sparkling chimes with elegantly scattered points of light.

When a pipe sounds from the wind-driven kiss of the clapper, it projects a moving pool of color on anything beneath it, for an enchanting fusion of melody and vision. Vegetation and its dancing shadows become especially entrancing in the meandering play of light.

"They're beautiful and sound great," Finigan said.

The idea for the tech-no-chimes came to Finigan, whose brain gears are always turning, when he was visiting an ice cream parlor on the Russian River. "I saw the clapper hit the chime randomly, and make a connection, like a circuit being completed," he recalls.

He put together a rough prototype as proof of concept, but being in the midst of successfully battling cancer, boxed it up for later development. "I had chemo-brain and was at a deficit for brain power," he said.

Years later, cancer-free, the retired Finigan returned to Arcata, where he came across the box containing the prototype, became re-inspired and decided to take his invention

to the next level.

"I thought, 'I'm gonna make that thing work,'" he said. So back to the drawing board — his tool shed — he went.

On seeing him fiddling with the contraption, sister-in-law Lisa Finigan pointed to it and said, "You're going on *Shark Tank!*"

Seeking to refine the chimes' electronics, Finigan found a receptive collaborator at Eureka's Redwood Electronics, in technician Isaac Lowe. The skilled electrical engineer created a custom circuit board to manage the solar-electric side of the gadget, making it more reliable and lending it dazzling new powers to confound and amaze.

"You can adjust the brightness," Finigan said. "It looks really great at night."

The Night Dancer looks great by day, too. Precision-cut aluminum pipes form the soundmakers, which hang from a carved redwood platform. The platform is topped by a small solar panel, which feeds a rechargeable battery located in a weatherproof enclosure underneath. This powers each tube's LED lights, but the chimes' brain knows not to waste energy on powering lights during daytime, and activates them only after nightfall.

The clapper and dangling, diamond-shaped wind catch are also fashioned from the salvaged redwood, which Finigan sources from a friend's sawmill on Boyd Road. He then carves and finishes the pieces using a CNC machine in his Alliance Road shop, dubbed "the Smarterium." That's where he also slices the pipes, adds a "slantdicular" notch and turns his bubbling brainwaves and raw materials into real-world hardware.

The Night Dancer chimes are color-customizable. Patriotically-minded customers can get them with red, white and blue lights, or Arcata High School Tiger orange, as some buyers have done. One customer this week wanted his in all

program. "Our vision is to return this region to the regenerative ecological haven that it once was, so that every resident is surrounded by plentiful locally grown food. We're re-creating a regional food forest, one yard at a time."

## Peppy Miss Pippa, laid-back Arnie

**W**eek 48. We've been having some good rain lately. Have you wondered what happens with the dogs at the shelter on a rainy day? Our intrepid volunteers are usually willing to suit up in raingear and get everyone out for a potty break, but we move inside for some real fun!

A nondescript hallway on a weekday turns into doggie playland on the weekend! A bucket full of tennis balls, egg cartons, muffin tins and Kleenex boxes with tiny treats inside, lots of toys that squeak or crackle and even a "photo op" setup with seasonal themes and a soft dog bed make up the fun zone. These are all things that you can do at home to entertain your own dog. One muffin tin with treats hidden under tennis balls can prove quite interesting for a housebound dog.

Two of the dogs that came out to play last weekend were Pippa and Arnie. These two approached the toys and games differently, but both had a great time and made us smile.

Pippa is a three-month-old female Pit mix puppy. She is one of the smartest little dogs we've seen in a while! Pippa already has a good sit onboard and is very quick to learn new skills. She was extremely thorough as she checked out every toy and game spread out. Pippa is curious and ready to explore anything and everything around her. She impressed the volunteers with the fantastic use of her senses — smell, sight, and hearing — while she was making her

way through the doggie fun land. Pippa is going to excel in an active home with people who want to encourage her bright mind. She loves all sorts of toys, especially the squeaky ones.

This pup will need adopters that want to work with her and teach her everything that they can so that she does not get bored. Pippa really wants to know what the next game is going to be and is ready to learn! If you're looking for a dog that is interested in showing off all her skills for you then come meet little Miss Pippa!

Four-year old-Arnie is quite a different personality type. He is quite a sensitive soul and is reserved upon first meeting new people. Give him a little time to let his lovely person-



ality come out and you will be richly rewarded. We cannot say it enough times; this boy is so sweet! He likes his treats, loves his people, and just this week started to play with a tennis ball.

Arnie would love a laid-back home where he can go on leisurely walks with his adopter and have cuddle time at some point during the day. He is a gentle walker on the leash and is quite attentive. Given the opportunity, he likes to shower his close friends with kisses and we think he will make a devoted companion. Arnie weighs about 70 pounds and from what we have seen, we think he might do well in a home with cats and other dogs.

Pippa and Arnie are both available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. They are spayed and neutered, micro-chipped and current on their vaccinations. If you are interested in meeting them (or other dogs or cats at the shelter) the first step is to fill out an adoption application which can be found on the shelter's official website at [humboldtgov.org/2658/Animal-Shelter](http://humboldtgov.org/2658/Animal-Shelter). Information and appointments are available by calling the shelter at (707) 840-9132, Monday through Friday.



**ENCHANTMENT** A Night Dancer illuminates foliage.

VIA YOUTUBE

green, and it was so configured.

While it's only a matter of time before some cheap, probably Chinese knockoff turns up on the market, Finigan is amassing a record of sales that will help him defend his patent. He cautions that the handmade units aren't super-refined, and may have some rough edges — this making no two exactly alike.

Night Dancers are available at Charlotte Gray Home & Garden in Fortuna, or via the shop's website. According to proprietor Misty Fears, members of the nostalgic *Arcata, Back in the Day* Facebook page get a \$50 discount.

Satisfied customers ("wind chime enthusiasts," as the patent description calls them) have taken pictures, but the chimes' magic is hard to capture in still photos. (*See video of the Night Dancer chimes, plus more information at madriverunion.com*.)

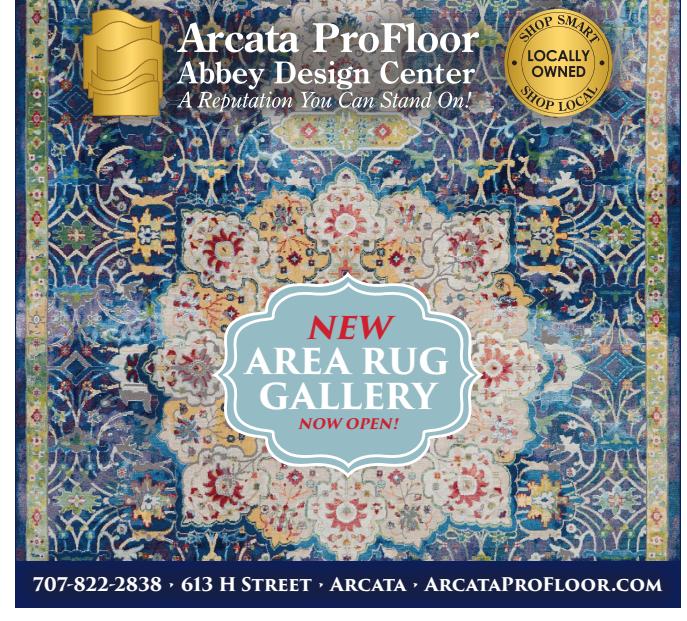
An incorrigible tinkerer, Finigan has some other "whacko" ideas in the works, but they're "super double-secret" for now.

Meanwhile, he's as busy as can be fabricating superchimes at the Smarterium. When not building new units, Finigan does R&D on Night Dancer 2.0, which will include the game-changing sound-mute, light-only (and vice versa) feature.

Last week, Finigan shipped the last six assem-



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## Meet HSUPD Chief Anthony Morgan

### HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

HUMBOLDT STATE —Anthony Morgan is Humboldt State's newest chief of police and the first African American to hold the position in the university's history. Arriving in Humboldt with a long career in law enforcement, Morgan is excited about living in the redwoods and working hand-in-hand with the HSU community.



**UPD Chief  
Anthony  
Morgan**

Morgan clocked in for his first day at HSU on Feb. 15. Previously, Morgan served as police chief in Mount Rainier, Maryland and Covington, Virginia after more than 15 years with the police department in the college town of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Last year, Morgan's department worked closely with protesters to safely hold a Black Lives Matter rally in Mount Rainier along with overseeing food distribution efforts during the pandemic.

When asked about the key to healthy town-and-gown relationships, Morgan stresses that communication is key.

"It's clear that the community, which students are a big part of, has a strong voice here," says Morgan. "As a community partner, we're accountable to meeting everyone's expectations."

As the new police chief, Morgan hopes to exceed those expectations. He plans to start by listening.

"It's so important for law enforcement to listen to the concerns and needs of students, faculty, staff, and neighbors of the university," says Morgan.

In his first position with a college police department, Morgan is looking forward to working with the student population, known for their social consciousness and activism, and collaborating with police departments across the CSU to ensure best practices for safe and equitable law enforcement.

"It's an opportunity to have a positive influence on young adults before they go out into the world," says Morgan. "As a police department, you can really have a positive impact at the University level."

With three children of his own, Morgan and his wife were attracted to Humboldt by the region's natural beauty, access to outdoor activities, and reputation for strong community engagement. Since arriving in town a few weeks ago, the Morgan family has enjoyed hiking on scenic trails and exploring the coastline.

"I'm excited to be here, especially during this pivotal moment in law enforcement when students are leading the charge to demand social change," says Morgan.

As police chief, Morgan looks forward to being inclusive in all the departments' actions and ensuring that HSU students have a direct line to voice concerns.

"There's a lot of positive momentum right now," says Morgan. "I want to keep building off that progress."

For more information, visit [police.humboldt.edu](http://police.humboldt.edu).

## Humboldt State maps out its future

### HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

HUMBOLDT STATE — Humboldt State University announced a bold new vision in its "Future Forward: 2021-2026 Strategic Plan," which outlines the University's purpose, values, and goals for the next five years.

The plan articulates the university's vision "to be a campus for those who seek, above all else, to improve the global human condition and our relationship with the environment."

"The HSU strategic plan provides

a roadmap to ensure a positive, meaningful educational experience for our students," says HSU President Tom Jackson. "It encourages us to be bold and innovative in all that we do while celebrating our diverse institution and the work of our staff and faculty."

To support that vision, the university has established six key themes:

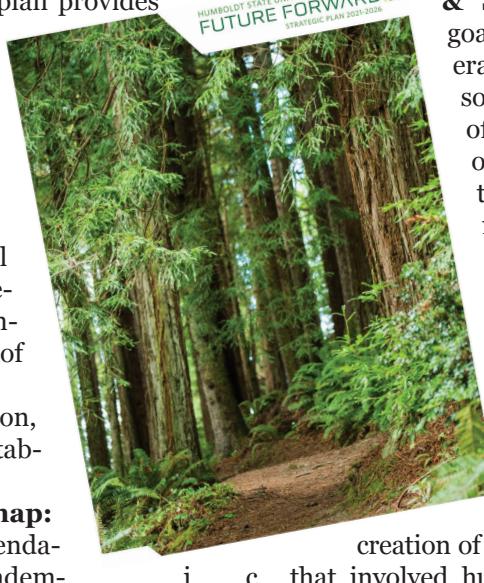
#### • Academic Roadmap:

Providing recommendations for advancing academic excellence and access. The HSU Academic Roadmap promotes distinctive, innovative academic programs and ways of instruction centered on the curricular needs for well-prepared students, including our support and development of programs that assist HSU in achieving the polytechnic designation.

#### • Community Collaboration & Shared Success:

Working together, sharing resources, communicating openly, and creating an inclusive and welcoming environment.

#### • Employee Engagement & Success:



Ensuring all HSU employees — faculty, state-side and auxiliary staff, administrators, and student employees — have what they need to be involved in, enthusiastic about, and committed to their work and to HSU.

• **Future Proofing HSU:** Creating the type of university that can adapt and thrive in the future and respond effectively to internal and external challenges and opportunities.

#### • Resources Stewardship & Sustainability:

Promoting goals that appropriately generate, manage, and invest resources toward the purpose of the university and its adopted guiding plans, through the common lens of "student first," equity, inclusivity and sustainability.

• **Student Experience & Success:** Identifying and building strategies that promote positive and meaningful student engagement experiences and success.

Collaboration played a significant role in the creation of the strategic plan — a process that involved hundreds of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members who shared their ideas through several virtual forums and feedback surveys.

"Because of the energized leadership of our steering committee, technical team, and working groups, coupled with engagement from our campus and larger community, we are positioning HSU for sustainability and success in the most difficult of changing times in higher education," says Interim Vice President for Administration & Finance Sherie C. Gordon.

## McK duo's active lifestyle brings bundle of methy, smacky, gassy, thievy charges

### HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT — On Wednesday, Feb. 17 at about 10:48 a.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 1800 block of Pickett Road in McKinleyville for a suspicious vehicle investigation.



**Jeremy John  
Cringle**

a peace officer, vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, false identification to a peace officer, petty theft, grand theft and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Cringle was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on fresh charges of felon in possession of tear gas, possession of a controlled substance and possession of a narcotic controlled substance, in addition to warrant charges of transport/sell controlled substance, possession of a narcotic controlled substance, possession of greater than 28.5 grams of marijuana, driving with a suspended license-prior conviction, trespassing, failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility for vehicle and texting while driving.

Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

Greenslit was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on fresh charges of possession of a narcotic controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia and pepper spray.

Greenslit was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on fresh charges of evasion of a warrant.

During a search of both individuals and the vehicle, deputies located approximately .96 grams of heroin, approximately 1.5 grams of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and pepper spray.

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Both Cringle and Greenslit were found to have outstanding warrants for their arrest.

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# OPINIONNEWS

## Town Center alternatives needed

Humboldt County planners and the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (MMAC) are currently engaged in a Town Center Masterplan for the community of McKinleyville. Proposed commercial/residential development on a private parcel behind Safeway will permanently impact approximately three acres of seasonal wetlands and an undisclosed and unmitigated take of approximately 10-acres of forested (one-parameter) wetland, despite the fact that the McKinleyville Community Plan specifically protects one-parameter wetlands. Impacts will include bisecting wetland features, impacts to hydrology and wetland fill.

Results from the 2020 Town Center survey conducted by the County, continue to demonstrate the overwhelming community support for protection of wetlands from development impacts.

Please join our Facebook page, "McKinleyville Town Center Wetlands and Alternatives" for volunteer-led environmental analysis on the project's wetland impacts and for brainstorming of project alternatives.

Also, act now to demand that the county develop project alternatives to avoid wetland impacts and demand an accounting of impacts to all wetlands, including one-parameter forested wetlands, as per the McKinleyville Community Plan. To provide your comments, contact the MMAC at [mckinleyvillenmac@gmail.com](mailto:mckinleyvillenmac@gmail.com). You can also request to be put on an invite list for future public meetings on the project, which are held remotely through Zoom.

**Kelley Garrett  
McKinleyville**

## Read all about it

Honorable Councilmembers,

I regret that COVID has meant I have not met some of you in person. My name Sean Armstrong, and I've made Arcata my home since 1995. I started volunteering on an Arcata city commission when I was 20, have chaired an Arcata city committee twice, co-authored Arcata's ordinance capping the number of chain restaurants with Mayor Pereira's husband, and worked for the City in 2011 leading the development of Arcata Bay Crossing, the homeless housing development with the marbled murrelet mural.

My wife, Shail Pec-Crouse, and I co-founded Tule Fog Farm in 2007. In 2008 I used my leadership role at Danco Communities to arrange for Eddie Tanner to rent what is now Deep Seeded Community Farm. Since 2011 I have been former Mayor Michael Winkler's business partner in Redwood Energy, now employing 15 Arcata residents and supporting the design of 1 in 4 Zero Net Energy residences in North America, all of which is regulated affordable housing.

For your consideration, I have six related questions about the involuntary, surprise annexation of my family farm for you:

- New councilmembers, had you known while running for office that a 51 acre annexation of farm land was proposed by city staff against the wishes of the farmers, what would have been your position?

- New councilmembers, if you had

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known that city staff was also proposing a new General Plan at the same time, a process which is used by residential developers to rezone farmland, what stand would you have taken on rezoning my family farm?

- Continuing councilmembers, how do you respond to your Director Loya, with PlanWest in their acting capacity as LAFCO staff, proposing in April of 2020 to triple the size of the annexation you approved on Feb. 5 of 2020 without informing the City Manager or returning to consult with Council? Do you see your authority as elected officials being respected in this scenario?

- A new EIR was circulated in the county, without informing the applicant, Danco, or the landowners, and not brought to your Council for review or ratification – Councilmembers, is that the your standard of professional conduct by Arcata city staff?

Michael Winkler has told me that in 2020 City staff did not inform him, in his role as mayor, or the City Council, that the Community Development Department Staff had unilaterally decided in the fall of 2020 to discard the existing Arcata General Plan and was planning start writing a new one after the election. He describes this lack of consultation or direction from the mayor and council as a non-standard process. Do you agree that the director of Community Development has unilateral authority to discard the General Plan without direction from the council, or even consultation with the mayor and city manager?

- Is it the considered wish of this Council to proceed with Annexation and discarding the General Plan?

I would very much appreciate your thoughtful replies.

Sincerely,

**Sean Armstrong** (he/him for business, but occasionally she/her)

Managing Principal, Redwood Energy  
Arcata Bottom

## Read all about it

Yikes! Are we kidding? (*Whiteness Accountability Space available, Union, Feb. 17*).

In the American system of life and justice, individuals are responsible for their behavior – not for the color of their skin. Therefore, everyone ought to be held accountable for any wrongs they have committed, but no person, irrespective of race or ethnicity, should ever be required to explain, defend, or apologize for something over which they have no control – their DNA.

If my fellow liberals are beginning to feel that much of what's coming out of our college towns now seems silly and counterproductive, I suggest the following two books, which may restore some sanity, balance and perspective:

*White Guilt*, by African American author Shelby Steele, does a great job of explaining the origins of the endless demands for white atonement.

*Whiteness, The Original Sin*, by Euro-American author Jim Goad, takes a humorous and definitely irreverent view of the same topic.

Both volumes are readily available online and in some bookstores.

**Carl R. Ochsner**  
Chico

❖ Sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to [opinion@madriverunion.com](mailto:opinion@madriverunion.com).



**News Item:** Having lost the executive branch and both houses of Congress, the Grand Old Party dramatically pivots to a battle-tested set of values and talking points, AKA the same old thing.

## Dismantling accountability

I can't wait for the "Dismantling Capitalism" conference by Cooperation Humboldt. As said in print in the *Union*, I really need a decolonization of my body, kind of like the Uighurs need de colonization in the dismantled capitalism of China.

Shame that can't be combined with the Whiteness Accountability Symposium of Equity Arcata so the harm caused by merely discussing racial politics in "diverse spaces" by the pigmentally challenged can be mitigated.

Please white folks, don't discuss racial politics in diverse spaces other than the approved one by the Great and Powerful Oz. They are way wiser than you, the unaccountable reader.

Regards,  
**John Dillon**  
Eureka

## Trump: guilty as charged

Cornel West is a black professor of philosophy at Harvard, professor emeritus from Princeton, and a theologian. In a *Firing Line* interview with Margaret Hoover (on PBS) he referred to Trump as a "gangster."

We've all heard about protection rackets from organized crime. A business owner has to pay the mob for "protection," and no harm will happen to that business, the owner, or the owner's family. But if the owner fails to pay, consequences are deadly.

That is exactly what Trump had established with Republicans in the House and Senate. You pay for protection by agreeing to absolute loyalty to Trump, and your political career will survive. But if you dare to disagree with him in any way at all, he will sabotage your next primary election through negative statements about you. Your political career ends. If that fails, he will find another way to get revenge.

Though Trump is out of office, his strong grip on his enablers continues, as well as the unflinching loyalty of his base. It's not known how many Republicans really want

ed to impeach him, but fear of losing their jobs stopped some of them.

For example, four years ago Ted Cruz called Trump a pathological liar. But later, he converted to become a total Trump supporter. He publicly agreed with Trump's allegations that the election was a sham, and he voted to acquit Trump against impeachment. Republicans who voted to impeach have been harassed by their peers.

Even if Trump did not plan to incite a riot, he is still guilty of criminal negligence. He repeatedly inflamed rage among his supporters by constantly repeating that the election was stolen ever since the November election. He knows that if one repeats a lie enough times, people will begin to believe it. Millions of his supporters believe his lies.

Trump planned his protest rally on the day of election certification. He promised a wild time to those whom he invited. Why would he promise that if he didn't plan to stir up trouble? He was well aware that his words would attract hate groups.

For more than an hour he amped up frustration and rage with his voting fraud lies. His statement of desperation clearly injected urgency into the crowd. "If you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore!"

At the same time, election certification was in progress. Many in the crowd thought, "If we don't act now, Mike Pence will certify the sham election."

Trump told the crowd that he was going to the Capitol with them. If he was at the Capitol during the violence, he could not have denied his guilt. That surely is why he went back to the White House. He watched the violence on TV, and nothing to stop it.

We need to return to a two-party political system for our government to function freely, and without outside influence from Trump. Let's hope that his grip on the Republican party fades, and the MAGA divisiveness withers, so Republicans can again unite as one party, for the good of our country.

**Dave Tschoepe**  
McKinleyville

## Town Center, BMX track on McMAC agenda

### MAD RIVER UNION

**McKINLEYVILLE** – The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McMAC) will meet tonight, Feb. 24 to hear a presentation on a proposed BMX track and discuss the McKinleyville Town Center.

The meeting takes place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. The meeting ID is 879 8054 1331 and the passcode is 174435.

Attendees can also attend the meeting on their phones by dialing 1 (669) 900-9128.

The meeting will begin with public safety updates, which typically involve reports from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and the Arcata Fire District.

The McMAC will discuss events, consider approval of meeting minutes and take comments from the public on items not on the agenda.

The McMAC will consider approval of a proclamation from Sojourner International of Arcata

regarding International Women's Day.

The McMAC will hear a presentation on a BMX track proposed for property near the corner of School Road and Washington Avenue. The presentation will be made by BMX enthusiast Jason Orlandi, Charlie Caldwell of the Humboldt Skatepark Collective and Lesley Frisbee, parks and recreation director for the McKinleyville Community Services District.

The committee will then move on to the McKinleyville Town Center. Michael Richardson, supervising planner with the Humboldt County Planning Department, will facilitate 30-minute, small group breakout sessions.

The small groups will discuss:

- Wetlands and open space
- Land use and infrastructure
- Design
- Transportation
- Economic viability
- Housing and homelessness

- Sustainability
- Community Space+Art) The small groups will discuss

In a memo to the committee, Richardson wrote, "As we line ourselves up to publish a draft Town Center Ordinance for review in the coming weeks, we think it would be helpful at this meeting to check in with you all to help clarify a few things, and to make sure we're on the same page. So we are proposing this Town Center item on the agenda be devoted to a robust discussion on the key questions we're trying to answer: *Who are we as McKinleyville, and what do we want to be 30, 40, 100 years from now?*"

A member of each small group will be asked to take notes and report back to the McMAC on what was discussed.

"We are particularly interested to learn how you want the community's vision to be captured in the Ordinance and the supporting documents," Richardson wrote.

## Arcata Chamber's annual awards event is March 4

### ARCATA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**ARCATA** – The Arcata Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Leadership Awards Event takes place Thursday, March 4 on Zoom. You do not have to be an Arcata Chamber member to attend.

Business award recipients, determined by the Arcata Chamber membership, will be announced during the virtual event. The event includes raffle prizes, local entertainment, networking opportunities, overall merriment and so much more. Including a special guest appearance by Senator Mike McGuire.

Arcata Chamber members voted on six award categories; COVID Resilient business of the year, Nonprofit of the year, Hospitality & Tourism of the year, Green business of the year, New Business of the year, and Small Business of the year. Three other awards will also be presented at the event; Arcata Chamber Ambassador of the year (chosen by the Ambassadors), Business of the year (chosen by the City of Arcata's Economic Development Committee and the City Council) and the Business Leader of the year (chosen by a committee of past business leader award recipients). Pre-ordered meals offered by Wildberries Marketplace will be available for pickup on the day of the event between 3 and 8 p.m. Deadline for orders is Thursday, Feb. 25. Specialty cocktails by the Griffin and Bar Nomadic along with Wrangletown Cider and North Story wines available for purchase at the Griffin. Call to place your drink order (707) 825-1755. You do not need to attend the virtual event to purchase food and drink.

An online auction coinciding with the awards celebration, runs from March 2 to 12. Visit [ArcataChamber.com](http://ArcataChamber.com) for details.

# SCENE



**BIRDS OF A FEATHER** Volunteers are wanted to observe seabirds on the Trinidad Coast.

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## Wanted: Citizen scientists

### TRINIDAD COASTAL LAND TRUST

TRINIDAD – Are you interested in contributing data to an ongoing community science project seeking to better understand marine wildlife populations and to inform best management practices?

The Trinidad Coast provides essential habitat for over 100,000 nesting and breeding seabirds. Volunteers are needed to help gather information about seabird and marine mammal populations in order to help these species thrive along the Trinidad Coast.

The Seabird Community Science Training and Monitoring program is a collaborative project between the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Northcoast Seabird Protection Network.

This free training will include seabird and pinniped identification, population and disturbance data collection techniques, as well as experience in the field with experts observing marine wildlife.

Community scientists will be asked to contribute a minimum of one field monitoring session per month and/or community outreach between April and August.

The Seabird Community Science Training is for any community member who wishes to expand their knowledge of coastal wildlife species, spend time at various beautiful ocean vistas, and is able and eager to contribute data to the seabird protection effort.

Participants are responsible for transportation to field sites between Patrick's Point and Trinidad. TCLT has equipment to loan out, but it is helpful if participants have access to binoculars or spotting scopes.

In order to continue keeping our community safe during COVID-19, this year's training includes a mixture of two Zoom training sessions and a weekend outdoor field training session. Participants must agree to wear facial coverings and comply with physical distancing between households throughout the duration of the field session.

Training participants must attend both Zoom sessions and one field training session. Participants must also commit to monitoring once a month. Monitoring occurs individually throughout the season.

The required Zoom session is March 23 and the field session is March 27 or March 28, and there is another Zoom session March 30.

To register visit [trinidadcoastallandtrust.org/seabird-community-science-program.html](http://trinidadcoastallandtrust.org/seabird-community-science-program.html).

For more information contact Michelle at [michelle@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org](mailto:michelle@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org).

## 5th Annual Zero to Fierce Womxn's Festival

### ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

ARCATA – Playhouse Arts produces the Fifth Annual Zero to Fierce Womxn's Festival Monday, March 8 to Sunday, March 14. The theme of this year's online celebration, beginning on International Women's Day, Monday, March 8, is Womxn as Activists.

Playhouse Arts has brought together an array of performing and visual artists as well as chefs, faith leaders, scholars, and social activists to celebrate the power of love, community and womxn.

There will be plenty of chances for people to gather online, with almost all events being free. The Zoom online platform allows participants to stream all day, or drop into individual events that provoke their curiosity.

Playhouse Executive Director, Jacqueline Dandeneau said, "I want to talk with others and be challenged to find loving solu-

tions. Fierce loving solutions. And laugh. And sing. And eat good food. This is what the festival does for many people."

With artists from Humboldt County and around the continent, the festival features a musical performance on Saturday, March 13 of new solo releases by Allison Russell. She has been named one of the Top 12 Artists to Watch in 2021 by *Rolling Stone*. She's a founder and "one half of the band Birds of Chicago, one quarter of the band Our Native Daughters, and one hundred percent human.". Allison recently released two sublime covers and in the first three days her monthly listeners rose from zero to 43,000. That's Zero to Fierce alright!

The Zero To Fierce Womxn's Festival, is comprised of five daily series: Morning Movement, The Lunch Box Series, Family Time, Afternoon Adventure and After Five.

### Morning Movement



**ZERO TO FIERCE** Allison Russell performs Saturday, March 13 during the Zero to Fierce Womxn's Festival.

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starts the festival off with a sunrise marsh walk, and then activates your week with alternating yoga and meditation with Stephanie Perrett and/or DanzUrbaño with Mimi Kyoko.

The Lunchbox Series, Monday through Friday from noon to 1 p.m., offers a unique community experience for your lunch break. Lunch Box topics include *Wild Escapes*, a book release by Patti Johnson, *She Tore It, Then Wore It*, a mending workshop led by Emilia Sumelius-Buescher, a discussion with Camaray Davalos about her new film *Woman Who Blooms at Night*, A Conversation with Judge Abby Abinanti, Chief Justice of the Yurok Tribal Court, and a new project, Voting for Women, with the Playhouse Team. Each day of the series, for \$10 you can preorder a delicious meal from different local chefs including OBento, Egghead, Cassaro Catering, Humboldt Rise and ramen from H.A.P.I.

Family Time includes Crafterzooms and Storytelling by an array of family friendly familiar faces. On Saturday, author Ali Freedlund and illustrator Becky Grant release their new book *Lucy the Bear*.

Afternoon Adventure includes Book Binding Chap-

books with Katie Belnap, Painting and Collage with Violet Crabtree, A Classical Garage Band with Julie Fulkerson and Gwen Post, an Activist Panel, Compositions by Mo HD, Radio Centro- Mujeres Activas, Herbs and Self Care with Jane Bothwell, Beer Tasting with Sarah McKinney and Johanna Nagan, and the roving Walls on Wheels Gallery.

After Five kicks off with the Annual Women's International League for Peace and Freedom's Evening Celebration. Other events include Wildflower: Indigenous Spirit by Sophia Madrigal, The J Street Radio Hour featuring an all ladies line up, A Fireside Chat with Joan Schirle and Gloria, Cocktails with Kate at the Logger Bar, A Very Ray Variety Show with Rachel Post and The Tenth Annual One Minute Dances.

The festival closes on Sunday March 14, with an afternoon discussion on Love and Spirituality in Activism, and Get your Phyllo On, a cooking class and dinner with Lauren and Mariah Sarabia.

Now's your chance to Zoom in and celebrate womxn in our community during the Fifth Annual Zero to Fierce Womxn's Festival.



**WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME** Enjoy cocktails with Kate at Blue Lake's Logger Bar.

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## Dell'Arte announces newest board members

### DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – Dell'Arte International's Board of Directors has announced five new members who will help advance the non-profit's work of exploring theatre making, theatre training and the relationship between artists and community.

"We're excited to expand our board with these leaders who have diverse experience and will bring an array of talents and insight to help strengthen the art of non-profit governance at Dell'Arte," said Managing Director Alyssa Hughelett. "We have worked purposefully to ensure our board and leadership include professionals from higher education and the arts communities, as well as long standing Humboldt County residents and award-winning alumni."

Dell'Arte International in Summer 2020 committed to an internal racial and cultural assessment process and has moved forward with corresponding recommendations to revise term limits and recruit new board members to bring greater equity and representation to the board.

The Dell'Arte Board of Directors will continue its effort to fully develop its membership into Spring 2021. Faculty Chair Elizabeth Colón Nelson said, "We are committed to meeting and expanding our stated equity goals, and supporting a cultural transformation at Dell'Arte in order to serve and embolden a diverse and inclusive next generation of theatre makers, practitioners and community engagement artists."

"I am personally thrilled to welcome

such a strong group of leaders to the Board of Directors as Dell'Arte navigates some of the most challenging months in its nearly 50 year history," said Bonnie Neely, former board chair who recently stepped down after 13 years of service.

The new board members began their terms, not to exceed seven years, on Jan. 25. The new board members are:



**Stephen Buescher**

A graduate of Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre, CalArts, and now a TCG New Generations fellow, Buescher is a director, choreographer, actor and professor. He has worked as an equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) advisor to the San Diego Repertory Theater and is chair of EDI in the Department of Theater and Dance at UC San Diego. Stephen has choreographed numerous performances at the American Conservatory Theater and recently taught master classes focusing on Black and artists of color for Theater Communications Group and the Craft Institute.

**Issac M. Carter, Ph.D.** – Dr. Carter is the founder and coach for the Coaching Imperative. He is a critical educator, DEI strategist, equity coach, leadership and organizational consultant, certified EQ practitioner & assessor and Black male feminist. For over two decades, he has

steered change management in for-profit and non-profit sectors. His training incorporates critical race theory, intersectionality, and leadership success, and organizational development. Dr. Carter is the co-editor of the forthcoming volume *Unhooking from Whiteness*, Sense, 2021. Issac helps individuals and institutions understand, embrace, and leverage diversity through implementing DEI strategies, team building, emotional intelligence and one-to-one cultural agility coaching.

**Jeremy Michael Clark, Ph.D.** – Dr. Clark holds a Ph.D. in human resource development from the University of Minnesota, an M.A. in organizational leadership from Gonzaga University and a B.S. in business administration and general management from Humboldt State University. He has experience in banking management and finance, consulting and served as managing editor for *Advances in Developing Human Resources*, a leading academic journal in the Human Resource Development field. Dr. Clark's research focus is on diversity in organizations and he currently works in the Department of Human Resources for the County of Humboldt. He resides in Eureka with his wife, Haley, their two children and their beagle.

**Heather Equinoss** – Equinoss is a col-

laboration doula, consultant and visual facilitator whose work is in service to a simple core belief: that the health and wellbeing of people are inextricably connected to one another and the planet that sustains us. She brings 20 years of meeting design, graphic facilitation, and community engagement experience in public, nonprofit, and community settings and specializes in supporting multi-stakeholder, multi sector collaborations. She is a partner in CoCreative Consulting and Equinoss Consulting. She and her family live on Wiyot land on the redwood coast of California.



**Heather Equinoss**

**Libby Maynard** – Maynard is the co-founder and executive director of Ink People for the Arts, a nonprofit that connects the community to resources for cultural development. A visual artist with nearly 40 years' experience working

with community and arts organizations on the North Coast, Libby is also a nonprofit consultant. She earned a master's degree in art from Humboldt State University and has attended Wellesley College and the International School of Bangkok in Thailand.



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## Food drive Saturday in Downtown Arcata

### HC BLACK MUSIC AND ARTS ASSOCIATION

ARCATA — On Saturday, Feb. 27, from noon to 2 p.m., HC Black Music and Arts Association (HCBMAA) and community volunteers will be collecting food donations in Arcata.

Volunteers will gather at 11th and D streets in Arcata, then walk several routes to pick up food from people who can stand outside with their donations. Route 1 will go from 13th Street, down 14th street and down H Street to the Arcata Plaza. Route 2 will go down 12th and 11th streets to G Street then the Arcata Plaza. Route 3 will go from

D Street to Seventh Street to I Street to Eighth Street and end on the Arcata Plaza.

Volunteers are hoping to pick up bags of canned food and dried goods.

There will also be a couple food box stations on the Arcata Plaza for people to donate food and multi-ethnic books. Volunteers are asking grocery stores to donate dried and canned food and two \$25 gift cards so they can distribute the food and gift cards to families of color on Sunday, Feb. 28 from noon to 2 p.m. on D Street.

Part of Black History Liberation Month is putting our thoughts and words to action. Harambee (a community/relational world approach) is a call to people to help with certain goals and missions in their neighborhoods and community.

During COVID-19, more families of color are struggling to provide foods on their table. Part of the Black culture is having access to fresh veggies and canned/dried foods to make ethnic foods that cultivates family engagement and retains cultural identity within the home.

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**DRIVE-THROUGH DINNER** Humboldt Grange #501, located at 5845 Humboldt Hill Rd. in Eureka, will hold a drive-through dinner on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. This dinner will feature a potato and broccoli soup, complete with a side of cheddar cheese, a dash of bacon, a slide of bread and a green salad. There will also be a sweet treat, either brownie and/or a cookie for dessert. Dinners can be pre-ordered at [humboldt-grange-501.cheddarup.com](http://humboldt-grange-501.cheddarup.com) or call Kathy at (707) 498-0801.

### RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

The Humboldt County Library is currently waiving overdue fines for materials due during the pandemic, while library buildings have been closed for in-person services. For anyone who has been holding onto library materials, now is the perfect time to return them! Books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and CDs checked out from any Humboldt County Library can be returned to any branch. Book returns at most library locations are open 24/7. At the Blue Lake Library, the book return is open Wednesday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Bookmobile accepts returning library materials at every stop. For Garberville patrons, the Bookmobile makes a special stop in front of the post office from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. on the first four Thursdays of each month. Items can also be returned 24/7 to the temporary book drop located outside Ray's Food Place at 875 Redwood Dr. in Garberville. To be sure the return of a Zip book or inter-library loan item is properly credited to a person's record, the item should be placed in a padded envelope or resealable plastic bag before putting it in the book drop. Those without this packaging can call their library during curbside hours to ask staff for help with the return process. Find more information about returning library materials at [humboldtgov.org/faq.aspx?qid=709](http://humboldtgov.org/faq.aspx?qid=709). The Library encourages the public to take advantage of this opportunity to return materials while overdue fines are being waived.

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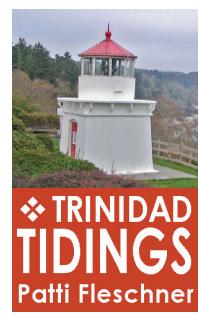
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## Quarantine sights sometimes feature creatures

**T**he coronavirus stay-at-home recommendations are not all bad. Trinidad residents whose busy careers have not always allowed unhurried time have been enjoying some pretty

wonderful sights outdoors.

Elusive birds, river otters, foxes, bears, deer, rabbits, chipmunks and more have made appearances that elude detection when we are too busy to see.

Several Trinidad residents have spotted bald eagles over Old Home Beach and Trinidad Head in the past few days. Thrilling.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

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**McKinleyville Town Center Planning**

**McKMAC Public Meeting Town Center Discussion!**

**Next Town Center Public Meeting:**

**What do we want in the Ordinance?**  
February 24, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting using Zoom

follow the link below: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87980541331?pwd=WIR4NkdZTHpxRkhxcm04OHZidFEwUT09>

The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) is drafting a master plan for the McKinleyville Town Center. Join us to share your thoughts on the Town Center Vision! Please visit the McKinleyville Town Center Master Plan web page to learn more about the project:

<https://humboldtgov.org/2564/McKinleyville-Town-Center-Master-Plan>

Other items will be discussed at this meeting as well – it is a regular meeting of the McKMAC.



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